

September - 2018

**To:** Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

**From:** Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day. This month we have the opportunity to taste some extraordinary wines from what is probably my favorite wine region in the whole world – the Rhone valley of France! And if that isn't enough to make you want to attend (that it's Jerry Hampton's favorite wine region), then how about the fact that it is renowned for some of the world's most sought after wines? Regardless of your motivation, I am sure you will love this month's tasting.

The title of the tasting is **Northern Rhône: Touchstone of Syrah**, which will be presented by our own inimitable wine presentation team of Leroy Stewart and Simone Haslauer. The September tasting will be held on **September 16** at 2:00 PM at the home of **Lynn and Joe Breeding"** Please **RSVP to the Breedings** by September 13 **by email or by phone.**

*As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!*

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Please Note: Northern Rhone wines are special, but unfortunately they aint cheap, so I am told the cost is likely to be \$35+ per person for this tasting.

### ***Last Month's News***

Last month, the tasting was at our house and Dorothy and I would like to thank all of you who attended. We enjoyed presenting and I hope you liked the wines from Australia.

The voting results from the tasting are shown below:

<b>Wine</b>	<b>Retail Price (\$)</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Warm Up Paringa Sparkling Shiraz 2016	18.99	0
Pikes Dry Riesling 2015	21.99	5
Yangarra Estate Roussanne 2016	24.99	15 (Winner for white)
Pikes Shiraz/Tempranillo 2014	14.99	2
Terlato and Chapoutier Shiraz/Viognier 2014	21.99	3
Mollydooker The Scooter Merlot 2014	29.99	10 (Winner for red)
William Randell Shiraz 2010	37.99	4

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### ***Miscellaneous***

**Member Wine Discounts:** The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members – College Square Liquors and Cranberry Liquors in Westminster, Main Street Liquors, Hampstead, and Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg.

**Seeking a House Host:** Janine Wilson has graciously agreed to be our wine host for January 2019, but we need a venue for the January tasting. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve as a house host for our January tasting.

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### ***2018 Tasting Schedule***

<b>Month</b>	<b>House Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January	Doc & Roxanne Desai	Bernie Vogel	Burgundy with Bernie
February	George & Jackie Grillon	Robert Horrocks	Exploring Trends in Wines with the Rise of Millenials
March	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	Young, Fun Wines for Spring
April (4/15/18)	John & Ann Carr	John Carr	A Sommelier Challenge
May (5/20/18)	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick	Bello Blanco: Whites and Roses of Spain

June (6/17/18)	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Wines of Portugal
July (7/15/18)	George & Jackie Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August 8/19/18)	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	The Wines of Australia
September (9/16/18)	Lynn and Joe Breeding	Leroy Stewart & Simone Haslauer	Northern Rhone Wines
October (10/21/18)	Robert & Kelly Horrocks	Alphonso Ventrice	Sicilian Wines
November 11/18/18)	Bill & Michele Sadler	Nan Slick	More ABCs. Details to follow.
December 12/9/18 ?	Corynne Courpas	John Landon	Champagne soiree